

SENATE RESOLUTION 98
By Harper

A RESOLUTION to honor the Reverend Albert Gilbert Jones for his many years of service in the ministry and to congratulate him upon entering into his much-deserved retirement.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly is proud to specially recognize and honor inspirational Tennessee ministers who faithfully serve God, their congregations, and their communities; and

WHEREAS, the Reverend Albert Gilbert Jones, who currently serves the congregation of Kayne Avenue Baptist Church, is one such servant of the Lord who will soon retire after more than forty praiseworthy years in the ministry; and

WHEREAS, a native of Hendersonville, Reverend Jones received his Bachelor of Theology Degree from American Baptist College of the Bible, his Master's Degree in Evangelism from Scarritt College, and his Doctor of Divinity Degree from the International Bible Institute and Seminary; additionally, he completed a Clinical Pastoral Education program through Vanderbilt University and Baptist Hospital; and

WHEREAS, before receiving his call to Kayne Avenue Baptist Church, Reverend Jones served the congregations of Mt. Olivert and Rockland Baptist churches in Hendersonville; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Jones has also offered himself in service to humanity as the Dean of the Stones River Association Educational Institution, as the President of the Middle Region of the Tennessee Baptist Mission and Evangelism Convention, as the Moderator of the Stones River District Association, and as the Chaplain at the Middle Tennessee Mental Health Institute; and

WHEREAS, he has been the pastor of the Kayne Avenue Baptist Church for 38 blessed years, since 1965, and he leaves a wonderful congregation filled with both joy and sorrow at his retirement; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his many years of faithful service to his several congregations, Reverend Jones has been an active and important part of his community and his calling, lending his support to numerous organizations, including the Baptist Ministers Conference, the Interdenominational Ministers Fellowship, the Murfreesboro Road Ministerial Association, the NAACP, the Board of Directors of the South Street Community Center, the Tennessee Association for Pastoral Care, the Association of Mental Health Clergy, and the Freemont Lodge 270 of the Masons; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Reverend Jones has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, spirituality, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his fellow religious leaders and his congregations; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Jones has been blessed with a wonderful, blended family; he was privileged to share both love and companionship with his first wife, Annie B. Jones, until she passed on to her great reward, and, emerging from the valley of the shadow of her death, Reverend Jones was fortunate to find love again in his second marriage to the beautiful Nancy M. Grizzard; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Jones is most grateful for the opportunity to share in the lives of his children, Larry Jones, Evelyn Botts, Jackie Robb, and David Simpson, his grandchildren, Cartina, Valencia, Ronald, Jr., Charissee, Christinia, and Michaelia, and his great-granddaughter, Cartiana Eriel; and

WHEREAS, throughout his over forty years of service in the ministry, the Reverend Albert Gilbert Jones has created and nurtured a community of service to God and has earned the utmost gratitude of many wonderful congregations; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Jones exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to God, family, and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we extend to the Reverend Albert Gilbert Jones our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement, commend his brilliant career in the ministry and his meritorious service to the Kayne Avenue Baptist Church, and wish him every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.